

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

The Jewell County Commissioners met Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood, and Ed Duskie were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

The following were present for the office head meeting and provided an update for their department: Myka Zadina, County Clerk; Chris Petet, Custodian; Vincent Urbaniak, Ambulance Director; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; Cindy Becker, Health Administrator; Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director; Jay Johaneck, General Superintendent and Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director. Those absent: Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; Scott Wright, County Attorney; and David Walton, Solid Waste Director.

Cindy Becker, Health Administrator, stated she has been working on grant writing policy and procedures.

Chris Petet, Custodian, stated that Cummins was here and worked on the generator.

Anna Porter, County Appraiser, stated that valuation notices should be mailed on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, presented the February monthly report. He stated he attended a training in Mulvane this month and that Deputy Wilson graduated from school. Deputy Reed has started working on his grant application through Economic Development to help cover the cost of his moving expenses. He stated they are currently planning the National Night Out and requested donations from the Commissioners. He also stated that the next LEPC meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Peroutek, Emergency Preparedness Director, stated that the Fireman's Ball is this week, and they will be meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Great Expectations. He also stated that they received the part to repair the sign in Formoso.

Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, stated that he attended the weed directors meeting last month in Salina. He stated he will also be attending a conference the first week of March and David Gagne will be attending with him. He also stated they plan to start spraying mid-March.

Vincent Urbaniak, Ambulance Director, stated that he has 3 part time employees who have started that took the EMT class. He also stated he is working on completing paperwork to renew their licenses. He stated he will also be attending the fireman's meeting and participating in the National Night Out and Touch a Truck event. He also stated that some of his employees attended a cardiac life support training.

Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director, stated that Teresa Shipley's last day is Friday and that they will be short staffed for about a month. They will have a notice on the door and phone calls will be forwarded to the other offices. She stated that Paige Duskie will be in the

office part-time as the 4H coordinator. She also reported on behalf of the Fair Board that they had a successful fundraiser in Jewell on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Myka Zadina, County Clerk stated that they have had advance voting in the office and are preparing for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Special School Bond Election.

Ervin Underwood stated he attended the JCCDA meeting.

Ed Duskie stated he attended the Legislative Coffee, NCRP meeting and the LEPC meeting in Smith County where he was reelected as president.

Brent Beck stated he attended the Detention Center meeting via zoom, will be attending the Hospital Board meeting tomorrow and will be going to the multi-county meeting in Smith Center today.

Cindy Becker presented paperwork for the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment Grant for the commissioners to review and sign. She stated with this grant they will be receiving \$23,585.00. She also presented a resolution for approving Jewell County Health Department Governance and Fiscal Oversight Policies. Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to approve resolution 26-04. Motion passed unanimously.

Jay Johaneck discussed moving forward with testing for bridge #255. Ervin Underwood stated he should reach out to the state to see if they would help financially with replacing bridge #255 since the water that backs up to it is from Lovewell Lake when it is high. Jay also discussed some rock projects by Dispatch and parts of 160 rd. He also stated that the 644H has been in operation all week and is currently using it to load trucks out of the Frost pit.

Vincent Urbaniak requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Ed Duskie moved and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes starting at 9:17 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Vincent Urbaniak and Daniel Hansen present. Motion passed unanimously with regular session resuming at 9:32 a.m. with no action taken.

Shannon Meier stated he was attending the meeting on behalf of Andy Walker. He stated that Andy Walker wasn't sure if the Commissioners were wanting him as the Local Coroner since he had not received payment or a contract. Myka Zadina stated that she was waiting to hear back from another department to get the correct wording for the contract and that Andy Walker had been getting paid since he came in and spoke with the commissioners at the end of December.

Ed Duskie moved and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve abatement #2664. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved and Brent Beck seconded to approve G.A.A.P resolution 26-02. Motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to approve resolution 26-03 for Road and Bridge summer hours. Motion passed unanimously.

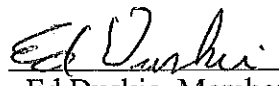
Ervin Underwood moved and Brent Beck seconded to approve the February 17<sup>th</sup> minutes.  
Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

  
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Brent Beck, Chairman

  
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Ervin Underwood, Vice-Chairman

  
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Myka Zanna, County Clerk

  
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Ed Duskie, Member

